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Henry Barbosa González
(1916 — 2000)

birthplace: San Antonio

- Elected to the Texas Senate in 1956—the first Mexican-American elected in over 100 years
- First Mexican-Texan elected to U.S. Senate, served 1961-1999
- Chaired the committees investigating the deaths of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

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William Barrett Travis
(1809 — 1836)

birthplace: Saluda Co., SC

- A defender at the Alamo
- Famous for his letter from the Alamo “To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World” and which he closed with “Victory or Death”
- Died defending the Alamo

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Juan Nepomuceno Seguín
(1806 — 1890)

birthplace: San Antonio

- Served as a political and military leader during the Texas Revolution
- Commanded a militia unit of Mexicans living in Texas during the Battle of San Jacinto
- Supervised the burial of the dead Texans at the Alamo
- Texas Senator from 1837-40
- Mayor of San Antonio from 1840-42

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Stephen F. Austin
(1793 — 1836)

birthplace: Southwest Virginia

- “Father of Texas”
- Settled the Old Three Hundred families in the Austin Colony
- Imprisoned in Mexico 1834-5
- Supported organized opposition to Mexico
- First Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas

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Moses Austin
(1761 — 1821)

birthplace: Durham, CT

- Founder of the American lead industry
- Proposed settlement of 300 Anglo families in Texas to the Spanish government
- His dying request was for his son, Stephen F. Austin, to move forward with his plans for the Austin Colony in Texas

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Roy Bedichek
(1878 — 1959)

birthplace: Cass Co., IL

- Newspaper reporter and folklorist
- Books include *Adventures with a Texas Naturalist* and *Karankaway County*
- Served as the second director of the University Scholastic League starting in 1922 and continued in that role for 26 years

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C. M. “Dad” Joiner
(1860 — 1947)

birthplace: Lauderdale Co., AL

- Opened the largest oilfield in the world at that time in Rusk County in 1930, the East Texas oilfield
- In Oklahoma, gained and lost two fortunes in oil before moving to Texas in 1926

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Michael E. DeBakey
(1908 — 2008)

birthplace: Lake Charles, LA

- Invented a major component of the heart-lung machine, helping make open heart surgery possible
- Doctor in Houston
- Helped develop Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (MASH), 1941-42
- Chancellor and Chairman of the Dept. of Surgery at the Baylor College of Medicine

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Walter R. Cunningham
(1932 —)

birthplace: Creston, Iowa

- Astronaut on the first manned Apollo spacecraft, Apollo 7
- Inducted into both the International Space Hall of Fame and Houston Hall of Fame
- Chief of the Skylab Branch of the Flight Crew at Johnson Space Center
- Now works with technology and science companies

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Phil Gramm



Lorenzo de Zavala



Samuel T. Rayburn



George C. Childress



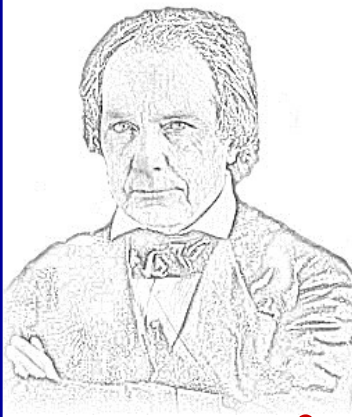
James Fannin



**Antonio López
de Santa Anna**



Sam Houston



**Mirabeau
Buonaparte Lamar**



Barbara Jordan

Samuel T. Rayburn
(1882 — 1961)

birthplace: Roane Co., TN

- Texas state legislator from 1906-1912
- Served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1912 to 1961, 49 years
- Re-elected 24 times
- Speaker of the House for 16 years
- Known as an effective compromiser and strong leader

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Lorenzo de Zavala
(1788 — 1836)

birthplace: Tecoh, Mexico

- Governor of the State of Mexico, and influential in Mexican politics
- Established a colony in East Texas, and supported the Independence of Texas after Santa Anna became dictator
- First interim Vice-President of the Republic of Texas
- Designed the first flag of the Republic of Texas

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Phil Gramm
(1942 —)

birthplace: Fort Benning, GA

- Taught Economics at Texas A&M from 1967-1978
- Served as a U.S. Congressman from 1978-1984
- Served as a U.S. Senator from 1984-2002
- Twice served as Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, although he began his political career as a Democrat

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Antonio López de Santa Anna (1794 — 1876)

birthplace: Jalapa, Mexico

- Led a revolt against Mexican President Bustamente in 1832
- Dictator of Mexico
- Led the Mexican army during the Texas Revolution, including the Battle of the Alamo.
- Captured at the Battle of San Jacinto, but returned to Mexico
- Commanded the Mexican army during the Mexican War, 1846-8

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James Fannin
(1804 — 1836)

birthplace: Twiggs Co., GA

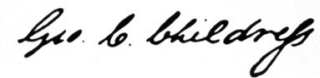
- Commanded the Texas army at the Battle of Concepción in 1834, in which 90 Texian soldiers defeated 400 Mexican soldiers
- Killed in the Goliad Massacre along with 400 Texian soldiers
- "Remember Goliad" becomes a Texas battle cry

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George C. Childress
(1804 — 1841)

birthplace: Sabine Pass

- Primary author of the Texas Declaration of Independence
- Chaired the committee formed at the Convention of 1836 to write the Texas Declaration of Independence



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Barbara Jordan
(1934 — 1996)

birthplace: Houston

- First African-American U.S. Congresswoman from the South, elected 1972
- Served in the Texas Senate 1966-1972
- Earned national recognition during the Watergate hearings, 1974
- Time Magazine's Woman of the Year in 1975

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Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar (1798 — 1859)

birthplace: Jefferson Co., GA

- First Vice-President of the Republic of Texas, and Second President
- Wanted Texas to stay a republic, and opposed annexation to the U.S.
- Lamar moved the Texas capitol from Houston to Austin

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Sam Houston
(1793 — 1863)

- Commander of the Texas army and Hero of the Battle of San Jacinto
- First Republic of Texas President, elected 1836 and 1841
- Supported annexation of Texas by the U.S.
- Elected as U.S. Senator, 1845
- Elected as Governor 1859, and resigned in 1861 in opposition to the secession of Texas from the Union

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Anson Jones



James Hogg



Cynthia Parker



James Farmer



Hector P. Garcia



Oveta Culp Hobby



Lyndon B. Johnson



Kathryn B. Hutchison



John N. Garner

Cynthia Parker

(c. 1825 — 1871)

birthplace: Crawford Co., IL

- Captured by Comanches in May of 1836 at age nine
- Married an Indian chief and had three children
- In 1860, she was returned to Anglo society against her wishes
- Her son Quanah Parker served as an influential liaison between U.S. Indian agencies and the reservations

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James Hogg

(1851 — 1906)

birthplace: Cherokee County

- Elected Governor of Texas in 1890, serving two terms
- Supported legislation protecting the public from corporations
- Established the Railroad Commission
- Supported Texas education

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Anson Jones

(1798 — 1858)

birthplace: Great Barrington, Massachusetts

- Appointed Minister to the U.S. in 1838
- Last President of the Republic of Texas
- Elected in 1844
- Retired to Washington-on-the-Brazos after Annexation (when Texas became a U.S. State)

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Oveta Culp Hobby

(1905 — 1995)

birthplace: Killeen

- Organized and commanded the Women's Army Corps (WACs), recruiting and training over 100,000 women for army service.
- First woman to receive the Army's Distinguished Service Medal
- Appointed head of the Federal Security Agency and transformed it into the Department of Health, Education and Welfare
- Became publisher of the *Houston Post* after her husband died in 1964

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Hector P. García

(1914 — 1996)

birthplace: Llera, Mexico

- Physician, served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in WWII
- Founded the American G.I. Forum in 1948, a political activist organization to protect the rights of Mexican-American veterans
- The G.I. Forum became one of the major advocacy groups for Hispanics in the U. S.
- Awarded the Medal of Freedom in 1984 by Pres. Ronald Reagan

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James Farmer

(1920 — 1999)

birthplace: Marshall

- Leader in the Civil Rights movement
- Son of the first African-American man in Texas to hold a PhD.
- Organized the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the first protest organization in the U.S. formed on the basis of civil disobedience and non-violence
- Author of *Lay Bare the Heart and Freedom When?*

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John N. Garner

(1868 — 1967)

birthplace: Detroit, Texas

- The thirty second vice president of the U. S.
- Nicknamed "Cactus Jack"
- Established the 15th Congressional District and was elected as representative
- Entered the 58th Congress as a Democrat in 1903 and served for 15 terms.
- Garner served 38 years in govt. service

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Kathryn B. Hutchison

(1943 —)

birthplace: Galveston, Texas

- First woman to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate and first to receive more than 4 million votes in a single election
- After completing a law degree (J.D.) from University of Texas, Austin she was the legal and political correspondent for KPRC-TV, Houston
- Selected to the Texas House of Representatives from a district in Houston,

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Lyndon B. Johnson

(1908 — 1973)

birthplace: Gillespie County

- School teacher
- Served as U.S. Congressman from 1937-1948
- Served in WWII under Gen. MacArthur, earning a Silver Star
- Served as U.S. Senator from 1948-1960
- Elected Vice-President in 1960, became President in 1963 after Kennedy's Assassination
- Re-elected to the Presidency in 1964

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Michael Dell



Howard Hughes Sr.



Frank Dobie



Elizabet Ney



Horton Foote



Lawrence Sullivan



Thomas Green



Walter P. Webb



Amado Pena Jr.

Frank Dobie

(1888 — 1964)

birthplace: Live Oak County, Texas

- Teacher, writer and folklore enthusiast
- Reporter for *San Antonio Express* and *Galveston Tribune*
- Published *Vaquero of Brush County* (1929) and became known as a spokesman of Texas and Southwestern culture.
- Awarded highest civil award the Medal of Freedom in 1964 by Lyndon B. Johnson

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Howard Hughes Sr.

(1869 — 1924)

birthplace: Lancaster, Mo

- Texas Philanthropist Invented the Hughes Rock Bit for drilling for oil in 1908
- Conducted research on steel wedge type gate valve used in the oil industry
- Refined the design of the drill bit and achieved 73 patents during his lifetime for products related to the oil industry

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Michael Dell

(1965 —)

birthplace: Houston, Texas

- Texas entrepreneur who designs manufactures, sells and services computers
- Applied for high school equivalency exam at age 8
- As an 18 year old freshman at University of Texas he founded PC 's Limited which later came to be known as Dell Computer Company
- Listed as Fortune 500 firm with 14 International subsidiaries

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Lawrence Sullivan

(1838 — 1898)

birthplace: Bentonsport,

- Soldier, Statesman and University President.
- Joined Texas Rangers as first lieutenant of Waco Co.
- His boldness in the battle at Pease River against Comanche riding party led to recapture of Cynthia Ann Parker
- Served as President of Texas A&M University

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Horton Foote

(1916 — 2009)

birthplace: Wharton, Texas

- Distinguished Texas dramatist and play writer
- Took acting classes to learn "method acting" Joined American Actors Company to promote American talent in the theatre
- Among his plays were *Texas Town*, and *Only the Heart*. He also wrote television plays "The Quaker Oats show,"

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Elisabet Ney

(1833 — 1907)

birthplace: Munster, Westphalia

- Professional sculptor of Texas apprentice to Rausch,
- Built studio (now Elisabet Ney Museum) in Austin and created portrait busts and statues i.e. Stephen Austin and Sam Houston's
- Took active role in artistic and civic activities
- Texas Fine Arts Association was established in her honor

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Amado Pena Jr.

(1943 —)

birthplace: Laredo, Texas

- Artist, Teacher and Artisan of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
- He is of Mestizo, Mexican and Yaqui ancestry and his artwork reflects the influences of his heritage
- Through art Amado communicates his vision of a land, its people who live in harmony with an untamed environment

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Walter P. Webb

(1888—1963)

birthplace: Panola City, Texas

- Historian and author, Director of Texas State Historical Association
- Established the Handbook of Texas in 1952
- Launched the Junior Historians of Texas
- Wrote and edited over 20 books and was special advisor to President Lyndon Johnson

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Thomas Green

(1814 — 1864)

birthplace: Buckingham County, Virginia

- Joined military service in 1836 and operated the *Twin Sisters* cannons in the Battle of San Jacinto and was commissioned as Lieutenant
- On completion settled in Texas and became a county surveyor at La Grange, Fayette county
- After secession Green was elected Colonel of the Fifth Texas

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Benjy Frances Brooks



Denton Cooley



John Magruder



Francis Lubbock



Madison White



Jane McCallum



John Reagan

John B. Magruder
(1807 — 1871)

birthplace: Port Royal, Virginia

- Soldier for the U. S., the Confederate States, and Emperor Maximilian of Mexico
- Graduated 15th in class of 1826 from Westpoint Military Academy..
- Appointed as Brigadier General for the Confederate Army and promoted to Major General
- Was a born soldier, wrote love songs and loved to dance and a sense of humor

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Denton Cooley
(1850 — 1933)

birthplace: Cherokee County

- Real estate developer and Texas businessman
- Director, Treasurer, and General manager of Omaha and South Texas Land Company
- Cooley school named after him, was the chairman of the committee that built Jefferson Davis County hospital
- Assisted in the formation of St. Andrews Church
- Shriner and civic leader

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Benjy Frances Brooks
(1918 — 1998)

birthplace: Lewisville, Texas

- First woman pediatric surgeon in Texas
- Early interest in the medical profession was apparent as she performed operations on her sister's dolls with manicure scissors
- Teacher at Baylor College of Medicine and worked at Texas Children's Hospital, Houston

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Jane McCallum
(1877 — 1957)

birthplace: La Vernia, Texas

- Suffragist and Texas Secretary of State
- President of Austin Women's Suffrage Association
- Lobbied for education, prison reform, prohibition control, maternal and child health
- Served as a presidential elector and state Democratic committee woman
- Discovered and restored an original of the Texas Declaration of Independence

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Madison White
(1907 — 1957)

birthplace: Elmo, Texas

- Teacher and civil rights activist
- Joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and advocated for civil rights
- After the Supreme Court decision of *Smith v. Allwright*, White advocated for the right to vote
- She pushed for equal pay for African Americans and all teachers
- The Lulu White Freedom Fund was created in her honor

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Francis R. Lubbock
(1815— 1905)

birthplace: Beaufort, South Carolina

- Life long Democrat and Comptroller of the *Republic of Texas*
- Was elected Governor of Texas in 1861 and was a staunch supporter of the Confederacy
- Entered the military service and was appointed Lieutenant Colonel
- When his term ended he became a businessman and served as tax

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John Reagan
(1908 — 1973)

birthplace: Gillespie County

- Life long Democrat and Comptroller of the *Republic of Texas*
- Was elected Governor of Texas in 1861 and was a staunch supporter of the Confederacy
- Entered the military service and was appointed Lieutenant Colonel
- Served as treasurer of the state of Texas

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